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2004/1
Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, in which the Council decided to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, an ad hoc advisory group, and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002, in which the Council decided to establish such an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,

Recalling also its resolution 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, in which the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,[1] welcomed its recommendations, endorsed the partnership approach it set out and decided to extend the mandate of the Advisory Group until the substantive session of the Council in July 2003,

Recalling further its resolution 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, in which the Council took note with appreciation of the supplementary report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau[2] and extended the mandate of the Advisory Group until the organizational session of the Council in January 2004, with the request that it submit a report,

Recalling its resolution 2003/50 of 24 July 2003, in which the Council reiterated the need to undertake an assessment of the lessons learned from the ad hoc advisory groups at its substantive session of 2004 and stressed the need to undertake an assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations made by the ad hoc advisory groups,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,[3] and welcomes its recommendations;

2. *Welcomes* the continued interaction and cooperation between the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council, within their respective mandates, on the situation in Guinea-Bissau;

3. *Welcomes also* the steps taken by the Transitional Government in Guinea-Bissau to give effect to the partnership approach proposed by the Advisory Group and the continued support provided by the international community to the Transitional Government and its efforts towards achieving sustainable development, welcomes further the recent parliamentary elections as an important step towards the restoration of democratic government, and appeals to donor countries to contribute further to these efforts;

4. *Welcomes further* the establishment of an Emergency Economic Management Fund, managed by the United Nations Development Programme, as recommended by the Group in its initial report,[1] as well as the contributions made to it, and invites donor countries to provide further emergency assistance through the Fund;

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[1] E/2003/8.
[2] E/2003/95.
[3] E/2004/10.

5. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2004, with the purpose of monitoring the implementation of its recommendations, following closely the humanitarian situation and the economic and social conditions unfolding in the country and reporting, as appropriate, to the Council at its substantive session in July 2004;

6. *Decides also* that the Advisory Group should contribute to the assessment of the ad hoc advisory groups in relation to lessons learned during the application of its mandate and the implementation of its recommendations;

7. *Decides further* that the Group shall invite the participation in its work of the President of the Economic and Social Council for 2004, the Chairperson of the Group of Friends of Guinea-Bissau and the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Group as well as other relevant United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to continue to assist the Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate to that end.

2004/2
Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002 on the establishment of ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict, in which the Council decided to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, an ad hoc advisory group,

Recalling also its resolution 2003/16 of 21 July 2003, in which the Council decided to establish the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi and entrusted the President of the Council with the task of holding consultations and making recommendations on the composition, terms of reference and relevant modalities for the Group,

Recalling further its decision 2003/311 of 22 August 2003, in which the Council decided on the terms of reference and composition of the Group and requested the Group to submit a report on its recommendations to the Council by mid-January 2004,

Recalling its resolution 2003/50 of 24 July 2003, in which the Council reiterated the need to undertake an assessment of the lessons learned from the ad hoc advisory groups at its substantive session of 2004 and stressed the need to undertake an assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations made by the ad hoc advisory groups,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi,[4] and welcomes its recommendations;

[4] E/2004/11.

2. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Transitional Government of Burundi to maintain the momentum and consolidate the peace process and the promotion of stability, and encourages the Transitional Government to strengthen its efforts in implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Group as it addresses the economic and social challenges faced by the people of Burundi;

3. *Welcomes also* the support provided by the international community for the efforts of the Transitional Government of Burundi, stresses the need for further emergency assistance as well as support for Burundi in embarking on the path of sustainable development, welcomes in this regard the outcome of the fourth Forum of Development Partners, held in Brussels on 13 and 14 January 2004, and stresses the importance of translating, as a matter of priority, the commitments made into tangible assistance;

4. *Requests* the Advisory Group on Burundi to continue to follow closely the humanitarian situation and economic and social conditions, to examine the transition from relief to development in Burundi and the way in which the international community supports the process and to report, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in July 2004;

5. *Decides* that the Advisory Group should contribute to the assessment of the ad hoc advisory groups in relation to lessons learned during the application of its mandate and the implementation of its recommendations;

6. *Also decides* that the Group shall invite the participation in its work of the President of the Economic and Social Council for 2004 and the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Group, as well as other relevant United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to continue to assist the Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate to that end.

Decisions

2004/201A
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected **Malaysia**, **Mexico** and **Pakistan** to fill postponed vacancies for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005, and one member from Eastern European States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Council elected **Italy** to fill a postponed vacancy for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

The Council postponed the election of two members from African States, one member from Asian States and two members from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

Committee for Development Policy

The Council appointed the following 24 experts for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2006: N'Dri Thérèse **Assié-Lumumba** (Côte d'Ivoire), Patricia **Bifani-Richard** (Chile/Italy), Albert **Binger** (Jamaica), Olav **Bjerkholt** (Norway), Gui Ying **Cao** (China), Eugenio B. **Figueroa** (Chile), Leonid M. **Grigoriev** (Russian Federation), Patrick **Guillaumont** (France), Heba **Handoussa** (Egypt), Hiroya **Ichikawa** (Japan), Willene **Johnson** (United States of America), Marju **Lauristin** (Estonia), P. Jayendra **Nayak** (India), Milivoje **Panić** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Eul Yong **Park** (Republic of Korea), Carola **Pessino** (Argentina), Suchitra **Punyaratabandhu** (Thailand), Sylvia **Saborio** (Costa Rica), Nasser Hassan **Saidi** (Lebanon), Udo Ernst **Simonis** (Germany), Funmi **Togonu-Bickersteth** (Nigeria), Geedreck **Usvatte-Aratchi** (Sri Lanka), Samuel **Wangwe** (United Republic of Tanzania) and Kerfalla **Yansane** (Guinea).

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

The Council appointed **Wang** Xiaochu (China) for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2005, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of **Jin** Liqun (China).

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

The Council endorsed the decision of the Secretary-General to approve the application from **Serbia and Montenegro** for membership in the Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Subcommittee).

2004/201B
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 6th plenary meeting on 27 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Council elected **Burkina Faso**, the **Islamic Republic of Iran** and **Nigeria** to fill postponed vacancies for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected **Denmark** for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006 to replace **Norway**, which had resigned its seat on the Board.

2004/202
Dates for the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided to approve the change in the dates for the holding of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council from 6 to 30 July to 28 June to 23 July 2004.

2004/203
Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 2004 and 2005,[5] approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2004:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2005 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2003/287)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2004 (chap. I)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its sixth session. Discussion of chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session was deferred to the organizational session of the Council for 2004 (Council decision 2003/316)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81, 53/192 and 56/201 and Council resolution 2003/3)[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on the results of the evaluation of the progress of the common country assessment and United Nations Development Assistance

[5] E/2004/1 and Corr.1.

[6] To be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Framework processes and their impact on the field of operational activities (General Assembly resolution 56/201)[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2002 (General Assembly resolution 35/81)[6]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund (Council resolution 2003/4)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201, and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (ibid.)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (ibid.)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (ibid.)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2003 sessions (ibid.)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 56/201, and Council resolution 1995/51)

Coordination segment

4. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes (General Assembly resolution 45/264, annex)

(a) Review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of the Council's agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of the Council's agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2003/49 and decision 2003/287)

(b) Coordinated and integrated United Nations system approach to promote rural development in developing countries, with due consideration to least developed countries, for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on coordinated and integrated United Nations system approach to promote rural development in developing countries, with due consideration to least developed countries, for poverty eradication and sustainable development (Council decision 2003/287)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 58/114 and Council resolution 2003/5)[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique (General Assembly resolution 57/104)[6]

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B (Council resolution 2003/6)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

President's summary of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (General Assembly resolution 58/230)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 58/228 and Council resolution 2003/17)[6]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2003

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2003/48)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2003/46)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (General Assembly resolution 58/148 and Council resolution 2003/49)[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of the Council's agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2003/49 and decision 2003/287)

(f) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2003/50)

(g) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force

Documentation

Second annual report of the Secretary-General on the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force (Council decision 2001/210)

(h) Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council decision 2002/242)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Discussion of the item was deferred to the organizational session of the Council for 2004 (Council decision 2003/314)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[6]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2003/51)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 2003/51)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2003

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2003

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2004

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2003

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2003-2004

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2003/59[6]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31, and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (agreed conclusions 2002/1 of the Council)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its twelfth session (Council decision 1993/207). Discussion of decisions 11/1 and 11/2, contained in the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session, was deferred to the organizational session of the Council for 2004 (Council decision 2003/316)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its sixth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34). Discussion of chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session was deferred to the organizational session of the Council for 2004 (Council decision 2003/316)

Report of the Secretary-General on system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (General Assembly resolution 58/218)[6]

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its seventh session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the first phase and progress in the preparations for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 57/238)[6]

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fifth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2002/298). Discussion of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session was deferred to the organizational session of the Council for 2004 (Council decision 2003/317)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2003/62)

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eighth special session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229 and Council resolution 2001/33)[6]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-seventh session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decision 2003/229)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its third session (Council resolution 2003/60)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its 11th meeting (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV) and Council decision 2002/231)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fourth session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2003/298)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, together with relevant background materials (General Assembly resolution 58/80)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

(k) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-second session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV), and decision 2003/294)

Report of the Secretary-General on the sixteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council resolution 476 (XV))

(l) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-eighth session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (agreed conclusions 2002/1 of the Council)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-eighth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (General Assembly resolution 58/148 and Council resolution 2003/49)[6]

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[6]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

Report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the revitalization and strengthening of the Institute (Council resolution 2003/57)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-second session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2003/230)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its thirteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2003/233)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (General Assembly resolution 58/138)[6]

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-seventh session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2003/235)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolutions 48/91 and 58/160)

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixtieth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[6]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[6]

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[6]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its third session (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decision 2003/305)

Report of the Secretary-General on the information concerning indigenous issues requested in paragraph (e) of Council decision 2001/316 (Council decision 2002/286 and 2003/307)

Report of the Coordinator of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People on activities of the United Nations system in relation to the Decade (General Assembly resolution 50/157, annex)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on information and comments received from Governments and relevant international organizations and functional commissions pursuant to Council resolution 2001/39 and decision 2003/232

2004/204
Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2005

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council, having considered its proposed programme of work for 2004 and 2005,[5] took note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2005: [7]

Substantive session of 2005

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2005

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 56/201 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (ibid.)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (ibid.)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (ibid.)

[7] See E/2004/1, sect. II.

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2002 sessions (ibid.)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 56/201, and Council resolution 1995/51)

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

[Theme/themes to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2004

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session

Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2003/18)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[6]

Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2003/52)

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its thirteenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session (Council resolution 2000/35)

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-eighth session (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-sixth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth regular session (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[6]

Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2003/64)

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twentieth session (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 56/206)[6]

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[6]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-third session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fourteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-eighth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-first session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[6]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[6]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fourth session (Council resolution 2000/22)

2004/205
Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2004:

(a) The high-level segment will be held from 28 June to 30 June 2004;

(b) The coordination segment will be held from 1 to 7 July 2004;

(c) The operational activities segment will be held from 7 to 9 July 2004;

(d) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held from 10 to 14 July 2004;

(e) The general segment will be held from 15 to 22 July 2004.

2004/206
Operational activities segment of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided that the work of the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2004 should be devoted to the "Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 and Council resolution 2003/3".

2004/207
Date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided that its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization will be held at Headquarters on 26 April 2004.

2004/208
Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided to include in the agenda of its substantive session 2004 the application of the World Deserts Foundation, an intergovernmental organization requesting observer status with the Council.[8]

2004/209
Request for conversion of the International Civil Defense Organization to a specialized agency of the United Nations system

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer till further notice, at the request of the Organization, consideration of the request for conversion of the International Civil Defense Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system.[9]

2004/210
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations[10]

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) To grant the following 69 non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Special consultative status

Actions on Gender Citizenship and Development

African Canadian Legal Clinic

American Planning Association

Antonio Restrepo Barco Foundation

Arcidonna Onlus

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Association jeunesse action développement

Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas

Avocats sans frontières

Center for International Rehabilitation

[8] E/2004/7.

[9] See E/2004/6.

[10] See E/2003/32 (Part III).

Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims

Chilean Corporation for Children and Youth Rights

Christian Conference of Asia

Comité national d'entraide de la jeunesse et de l'enfance

Drug Abuse Information, Rehabilitation and Research Centre

Family Action Foundation

Fédération des organisations non-gouvernementales du Sénégal

Femmes solidaires

Fondation Mohamed V pour la solidarité

Foundation Partners for Local Development

Friends' Society in Social Service

Global 2000 International

Green Front of Iran

Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center

Human Rights Information and Training Center

International Academy of the Ecology and Life Protection Sciences

International Cooperation

International Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

International Native Tradition Interchange

International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development

Japanese Worker's Committee for Human Rights

Jeunesse horizon

Kenya Medical Women's Association

Kindernothilfe

Lay Movement for Latin America

Links

Lokmanya Public Charitable Trust

Myochikai

National Association of University Women of Romania

National Centre for Sustainable Development

Non-Governmental Organizations' Coordinating Committee

One World Trust

Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment

People with Disabilities Uganda

Press Council

Project One

Right To Play

Romanian Youth Association for United Nations

Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights"

Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany

South Asia Partnership International

Sudan Council of Voluntary Agencies

Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion

UMUT Foundation

Women Cultural Society

Women's Rights Movement of the Philippines

World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action

World Population Foundation

Zayed International Prize for the Environment

Roster

American Anthropological Association

Australian Association of Yoga in Daily Life

Comité nigérien sur les pratiques traditionnelles ayant effet sur la santé des femmes et des enfants

Disarmament Archives

Fire Rescue Development Programme

Foundation for Research on Technology Migration and Integration

Heinrich Boell Foundation

International Paint and Printing Ink Council

Nour Foundation

Outreach Trust

(b) To reclassify one non-governmental organization from special to general consultative status:

General consultative status

World Vision International

(c) To reclassify two non-governmental organizations from the Roster to special consultative status:

Special consultative status

Association Mondiale des grandes métroples

World Confederation of Teachers

(d) To take note of the quadrennial reports of the following 52 organizations (years of reporting in parentheses):

African-American Islamic Institute (1998-2001)

Airports Council International (1998-2001)

All India Women's Education Fund Association (1999-2002)

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (1996-1999)

Association pour la promotion de l'emploi et du logement (1998-2001)

Association pour la protection de la nature et de l'environnement (Kairouan) (1997-2000)

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (1998-2001)

Centre de recherches et de promotion pour la sauvegarde des sites et monuments historiques en Afrique (1998-2001)

Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (1998-2001)

CITYNET — Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements (1999-2002)

Cohort for Research on Environment, Urban Management and Human Settlements (1998-2001)

Congregations of St. Joseph (1999-2002)

Federation européen des femmes actives au foyer (1998-2001)

Foundation for the Rights of the Family (1999-2002)

France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterand (1995-1998)

Global Volunteers (1999-2002)

Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (1999-2002)

Ibero-American Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law and Commercial Aviation (1996-1999)

International Association against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking (1997-2000)

International Association for Volunteer Effort (1999-2002)

International Association of Ports and Harbors (1998-2001)

International Chamber of Commerce (1998-2001)

International Council of Chemical Associations (1998-2001)

International Council of Women (1999-2002)

International Federation for Family Development (1999-2002)

International Federation of Business and Professional Women (1999-2002)

International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres (1998-2001)

International First Aid Society (1998-2001)

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (1996-1999)

International Union of Architects (1997-2000)

Japan Federation of Bar Associations (1999-2002)

Korean Institute for Women and Politics (1999-2002)

Miramed Institute (1998-2001)

National Association of Cuban Economists (1997-2000)

National Society for Human Rights (1997-2000)

Nature Conservancy (1996-1999)

New Humanity (1999-2002)

ORBICOM — Réseau des chaires UNESCO en communication (1997-2000)

Organisation tunisienne de l'éducation et de la famille (1997-2000)

Robert F. Kennedy Memorial (1997-2000)

Rural Women Environmental Protection Association (1999-2002)

South-North Development Initiative (1996-1999)

Together Foundation for Global Unity (1996-1999)

United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation (1998-2001)

Women Justice Program (1999-2002)

World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (1999-2002)

World Federation of the Ukrainian Women's Organizations (1998-2001)

World LP Gas Association (1997-2000)

World Road Association (1998-2001)

World Safety Organization (1995-1998)

World Student Christian Federation (1998-2001)

2004/211
Provisional agenda and dates for the 2004 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and report of the Committee on its resumed 2003 session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2003 session;

(b) Decided that the 2004 session of the Committee will be held from 10 to 28 May 2004;

(c) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the 2004 session of the Committee as set out below.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.
4. Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
   (b) Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31;
   (c) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group;
   (d) Other related matters.
7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 2001/295.
8. Consideration of special reports.
9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2005 session of the Committee.
11. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

2004/212
Status of non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 6 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decided that, subject to their approval by the Council, non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development[11] can participate in the first two-year implementation cycle of the Commission on Sustainable Development[12] in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council;

(b) Emphasized that this decision is taken on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to the established rules of procedure of the United Nations, in particular the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 on the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and that it shall not be construed as a precedent;

(c) Emphasized also that this decision shall apply to those non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development that have submitted their applications for consultative status with the Council or that express, during the first two-year implementation cycle, preferably by 14 April 2004, their wish to participate in that cycle;

(d) Decided that the established rules of procedure of the United Nations on the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies shall apply to the non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development that wish to participate in future sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development beyond the first two-year implementation cycle;

(e) Stressed, in this context, that early submission of applications by those non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations would enhance the possibility of their review in time for future sessions of the Commission;

(f) Invited the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to consider such applications, in accordance with the rules of procedure and the practices of the United Nations, and to do so as expeditiously as possible;

(g) Requested the Secretary-General to make the present decision widely known, through proper channels, in order to facilitate the involvement of non-governmental organizations from all regions and areas of the world.

[11] See E/2004/8.

[12] Twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

2004/213
Theme for the regional cooperation item of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 13 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council, decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation at its substantive session of 2004 should be: "Information technology for development: a regional perspective".

2004/214
Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 13 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council:

Took note of decision 11/2 adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session,[13]

Recalling its resolution 2003/61 of 25 July 2003, entitled "Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development", which, inter alia, resulted in the adoption by the Commission of a multi-year programme of work, comprising implementation cycles (review year and policy year),

(a) Noted that the current term of the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development is one year,

(b) Decided to give further consideration to the term of the Bureau of the Commission for future sessions after the completion of the first two-year implementation cycle,[12] in 2005, during its substantive session.

2004/215
Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fifth session of the Statistical Commission

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 13 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session;

(b) Decided that the thirty-fifth session of the Commission shall be held in New York from 2 to 5 March 2004;

(c) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fifth session of the Commission as set out below.

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[13] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 9* (E/2003/29), chap. I.A.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fifth session of the Statistical Commission

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:

(a) Human settlement statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

(b) Health statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Friends of the Chair on health statistics

(c) Social statistics (programme review);

Documentation

Report of the expert group on social statistics

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) Statistics of drugs and drug use;

Documentation

Report of the Office on Drugs and Crime of the United Nations Secretariat

(e) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation;

Documentation

Report of the Paris Group on Labour and Compensation

(f) Poverty statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Rio Group on Poverty Statistics

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) Siena Group for Social Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Siena Group for Social Statistics

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on National Accounts

(b) Information and communication technologies statistics;

Documentation

Report of the International Telecommunication Union

(c) Service statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics

Report of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

(d) Tourism statistics;

Documentation

Report of the World Tourism Organization

(e) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(f) Statistics of science and technology;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(g) Round Table on Business Survey Frames;

Documentation

Report of the Round Table on Business Survey Frames

(h) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics

5. Natural resources and environment accounting:

Documentation

Report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting

Report of the Secretary-General

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) Dissemination of statistics, including guidelines for dissemination via the Internet;

Documentation

Report of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

(b) Implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) International economic and social classifications;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS 21) initiative

(e) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange initiative

(f) Methodological development: integrated presentation;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) Indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(i) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities on its work

(j) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the work programme of the United Nations Statistics Division

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-fifth session.

2004/216
Non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development for participation in the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 13 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council adopted the list of non-governmental organizations and other major Groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development for the participation in the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Council decision 2004/212.

2004/217
Change of dates for the Social Forum of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

At its 6th plenary meeting, on 27 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the change of dates of the Social Forum of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to 22 to 23 July 2004.

2004/218
Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/277 and 52/12 B

At its 6th plenary meeting, on 27 February 2004, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2003;[14]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on progress in implementing the Council's agreed conclusions 2002/1 and related provisions of General Assembly resolution 50/227.[15]

2004/219
Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 3 May 2004, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) That the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2004 would be: "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: present and future challenges";

[14] E/2003/90 and Add.1.
[15] E/2003/74.

(b) That it would also convene two panels the themes of which would be:

(i) "Strengthening preparedness and response to natural disasters, with an emphasis on capacity-building";

(ii) "Field-level coordination for the purpose of continuing the presence and operation of United Nations humanitarian assistance missions in higher risk environments".